

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~.

Please AMEND the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 13, as follows:

Because of the above-mentioned structure, an input picture can be matched with a registered object model with a good precision without being influenced by the variations in appearance caused by the variations in a an object's posture and the variations in appearance caused by the variations in illumination conditions between object model registration and input picture recognition.